COUNTY PROFILE

Lac Qui Parle Co.

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population decreased this decade, ranking as the 84th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 76th largest in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	6,719 people
Population change,	-540 people
2010-2020	-7.4% decline

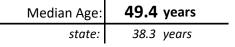
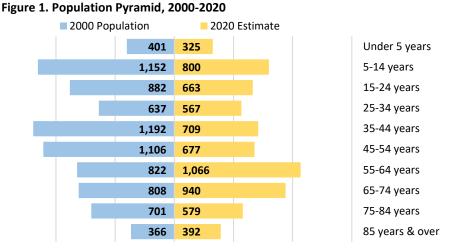


Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 325 4.8% 800 11.9% 5-14 years 663 9.9% 15-24 years 25-34 years 567 8.4% 709 35-44 years 10.6% 45-54 years 677 10.1% 1,066 15.9% 55-64 years 65-74 years 940 14.0% 75-84 years 579 8.6% 85 years & over 392 5.8% **Total Population** 6,719 100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Lac Qui Parle Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Lac Qui Parle Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019							
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019				
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration				on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Lac Qui Parle Co.	-635	-231	596	827	-411	40	-451
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

2019

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population,

Compared to the state, Lac Qui Parle Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Lac Qui Parle Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

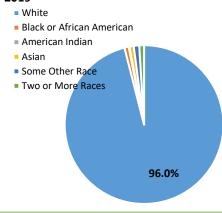
Lac Qui Parle Co.		Change 2	010-2019	Minnesota		
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
181	2.7%	88	94.6%	8.5%	28.9%	
35	19.3%	12	52.2%	9.9%	4.5%	
61	33.7%	35	134.6%	37.5%	30.3%	
25	13.8%	10	66.7%	25.5%	72.0%	
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60	33.1%	31	106.9%	26.6%	10.0%	
52	28.7%	40	333.3%	24.1%	12.2%	
8	4.4%	-9	-52.9%	2.5%	-7.7%	
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% 29% 4 19% Asia Africa Oceania 14% 34%

■ Northern America

Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019



	Lac	Qui Parle	Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	
Total	6,719	100.0%	-16.7%	100.0%	13.1%	
White	6,452	96.0%	-19.1%	82.8%	4.7%	
Black or African American	58	0.9%	346.2%	6.4%	107.6%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	0.2%	-38.9%	1.0%	5.5%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	57	0.8%	119.2%	4.9%	87.8%	
Some Other Race	76	1.1%	1420.0%	1.9%	58.1%	
Two or More Races	65	1.0%	109.7%	3.0%	99.9%	
Hispanic or Latino origin	152	2.3%	623.8%	5.4%	108.9%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

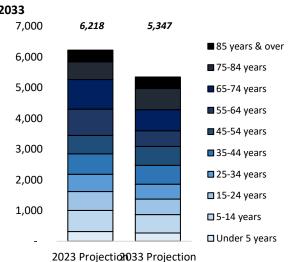
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

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Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033 2033 Numeric Percent 2023 Lac Qui Parle Co. **Projection Projection** Change Change Under 5 years 314 269 -45 -14.3% 5-14 years 688 600 -88 -12.8% 15-24 years 617 506 -111 -18.0% 483 -80 25-34 years 563 -14.2% 35-44 years 665 613 -52 -7.8% 2.2% 45-54 years 600 613 13 55-64 years 854 514 -340 -39.8% 65-74 years 962 683 -279 -29.0% 75-84 years 575 690 115 20.0% 85 years & over 380 376 -1.1% **Total Population** 5,347 -871 6,218 -14.0%

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

56.6%

67.1%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Lac Qui Parle Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Lac Qui Parle Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

92.8%

state:

- 13% 7% 36% 36%

24%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

☐ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

■ Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree

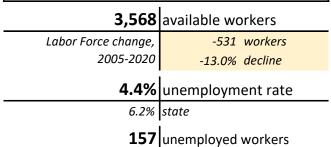
Associate's Degree: 14.3%
Bachelor's Degree: 13.5%
Advanced Degree: 4.5%

College-educated:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

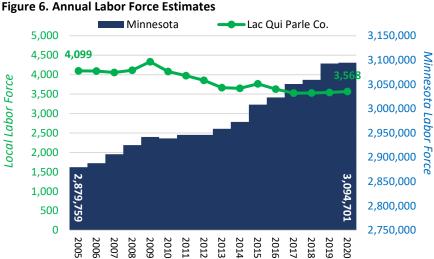
LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.4%, Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Lac Qui Parle Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.9% in 2019, but was lower than the 6.7% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lac Qui Parle Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.



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1,500 1,000 500 0



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

2015-201 2016-201 2017-201

Unemployment Statistics

2014-201

2018-201*S*S)

2019-2020

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 8.3 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Lac Qui Parle Co. averaged an annual loss of -5 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -51.4 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Lac Qui Parle Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020 400 Average of 8 Average of -5 Average of -51 new workers per year fewer workers per year fewer workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 300 200 100 0 -100 -200

2000-2001

2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection					
Projections, 2023-2033	2023 2033					
16 to 24 years	379	316				
25 to 54 years	1,597	1,491				
55 to 64 years	671	404				
65 years & over	353	284				
Total Labor Force	3,001	2,495				

1992-1993 1993-1994

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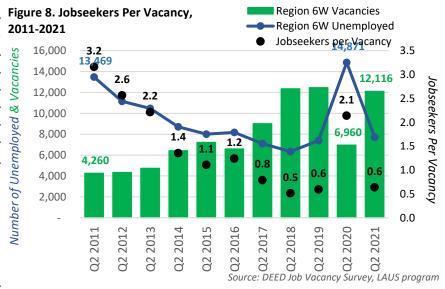
1991-1992

-300

1990-1991

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



2011-201 20 2010-201 10 2009-2010 DEC 2008-200 Surce:

2012-201 2013-201

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Lac Qui Parle Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

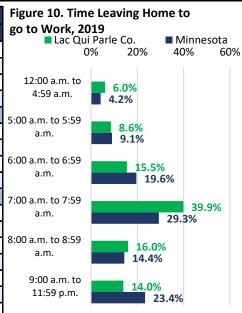
	Lac	Qui Parle Co		Minne	esota	Lac Qui Parle Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	3,438	61.3%	2.4%	69.7%	3.6%	1,853	1,586
16 to 19 years	162	50.6%	11.1%	53.2%	11.0%	87	75
20 to 24 years	285	90.2%	0.7%	84.6%	6.0%	154	131
25 to 44 years	1,081	88.7%	3.1%	88.8%	3.2%	581	500
45 to 54 years	678	84.6%	1.5%	87.6%	2.7%	376	302
55 to 64 years	913	78.6%	1.9%	73.0%	2.8%	484	429
65 to 74 years	241	28.4%	1.2%	27.9%	2.2%	139	102
75 years & over	79	8.4%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	32	47
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	3,329	61.6%	2.3%	69.3%	3.0%		
Black or African American	10	19.2%	0.0%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	7	63.6%	0.0%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	35	63.6%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	40	90.9%	10.0%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	20	48.8%	10.0%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	80	82.5%	7.5%	76.5%	6.1%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabil	ity						
With Any Disability	189	50.7%	3.2%	53.0%	8.6%		96.9%
Employment Characteristics by Educat	ional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,672	84.0%	2.2%	84.5%	3.0%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	110	64.7%	2.6%	66.3%	4.2%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	734	79.1%	1.9%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska Na
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,212	86.6%	1.9%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Islanders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	617	90.2%	1.0%	90.0%	1.7%	Some O	ther Race

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Two or More Races

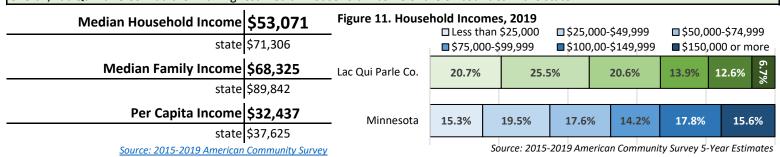
A larger percentage of workers in Lac Qui Parle Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Lac Qui Pa	rle Co.	Minne	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	3,148	95.1%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	2,380	71.9%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	768	23.2%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	162	4.9%	69,779	2.4%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	2,780	84.0%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	7	0.2%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	218	6.6%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	305	9.2%	171,541	5.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	1,374	41.5%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	821	24.8%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	437	13.2%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	387	11.7%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	103	3.1%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	192	5.8%	162,819	5.6%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.5	minutes	23.7	minutes



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 74th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Lac Qui Parle Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.23 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.59 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$27,519	\$13.23	\$0	\$366	\$163	\$548	\$664	\$250	\$302
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Cilia Care	roou	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$45,533	\$14.59	\$216	\$835	\$519	\$723	\$768	\$427	\$306
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 85th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Lac Qui Pa	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,501	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	637	25.5%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	733	29.3%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	373	14.9%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	314	12.6%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	272	10.9%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	118	4.7%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	54	2.2%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$88,6	\$223,900	

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019

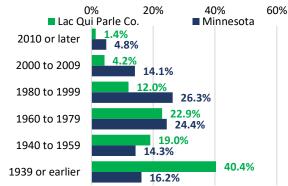


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

16.1%

23.5%

14.0%

11.0%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

state \$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$541

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state | 45.1%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

17.0%

20% to 24.9%

54.8%

■ 35% or more

30.0% to 34.9%

mortgage

47.0%

rent

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.11 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 10th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$35.96) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.57) (see Table 11).

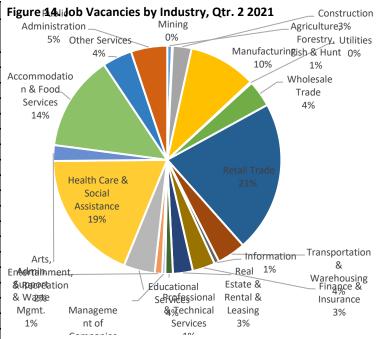
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021								
		Region 6W				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$19.11	15,520	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%	
Management	\$35.96	830	5.3%	0.9	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$26.88	460	3.0%	0.4	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$28.28	50	0.3%	0.1	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$33.59	130	0.8%	0.4	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$23.15	110	0.7%	0.7	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$23.91	240	1.5%	0.8	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%	
Legal	\$29.41	30	0.2%	0.3	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$19.24	1,280	8.2%	1.4	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.13	70	0.5%	0.3	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$32.63	880	5.7%	0.8	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%	
Healthcare Support	\$15.83	850	5.5%	0.9	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%	
Protective Service	\$23.18	240	1.5%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.57	1,500	9.7%	1.3	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.54	620	4.0%	1.5	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$12.96	300	1.9%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%	
Sales & Related	\$17.33	830	5.3%	0.6	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.74	2,080	13.4%	1.1	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.74	90	0.6%	3.7	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%	
Construction & Extraction	\$21.80	910	5.9%	1.6	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$22.03	660	4.3%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%	
Production	\$19.44	2,100	13.5%	1.8	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$17.35	1,240	8.0%	1.0	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%	

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 12116 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021						
	Number of					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer				
Total, All Occupations	12,116	\$15.03				
Management	238					
Business & Financial Operations	406	,				
Computer & Mathematical	48					
Architecture & Engineering	86					
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	14	7				
Community & Social Service	111					
Education, Training & Library	257	,				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,050					
Healthcare Support	1,618					
Protective Service	141	7				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,080	-				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	328	\$14.86				
Personal Care & Service	246	•				
Sales & Related	1,549					
Office & Administrative Support	637					
Construction & Extraction	142	\$21.47				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	531					
Production	843					
Transportation & Material Moving	1,316	\$17.09				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

High School or Equivalent Some College or Assoc. Deg. Bachelor's Degree or Higher	Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2020						
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Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 0.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028						
Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028			
Total, All Industries	206,422	209,790	1.6%			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,776	6,171	6.8%			
Utilities	744	697	-6.3%			
Construction	7,858	8,687	10.5%			
Manufacturing	31,188	31,071	-0.4%			
Wholesale Trade	8,530	7,993	-6.3%			
Retail Trade	19,926	19,533	-2.0%			
Transportation & Warehousing	7,465	7,898	5.8%			
Information	2,549	2,364	-7.3%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,693	7,584	-1.4%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,663	6,191	9.3%			
Administrative & Waste Services	4,076	4,874	19.6%			
Educational Services	17,510	17,483	-0.2%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	30,568	32,922	7.7%			
Leisure & Hospitality	14,593	14,825	1.6%			
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	7,423	7,058	-4.9%			
Public Administration	12,956	12,681	-2.1%			

<u> Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook</u>

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028

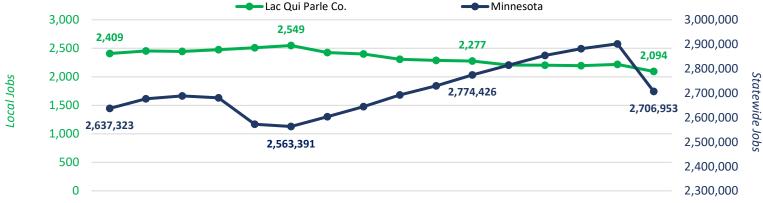
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Management	-86	8,858		
Business & Financial	311	1 ,746		
Computer & Mathematical	86	373		
Architecture & Engineering	76	667		
Life, Physical, & Social	78	282		
Community & Social Service	120	1 ,981		
Legal	39	193		
Education, Training, & Library	147	5,374		
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-51	1 ,190		
Healthcare Practitioners &	870	2,9 66		
Healthcare Support	424	3,475		
Protective Service	-62	995		
Food Preparation & Serving	404	10,459		
Building, Grounds Cleaning	371	3,852		
Personal Care & Service	651	6,819		
Sales & Related	-37	3 10,448		
Office & Administrative	1,267	12,390		
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	202	1 ,576		
Construction & Extraction	716	2,8 81		
Installation, Maintenance,	452	2,9 36		
Production	-370	7,504		
Transportation & Material	630	7,193		
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 77th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. was the 47th fastest growing in the past year and the 64th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Lac Qui Parle Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

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Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

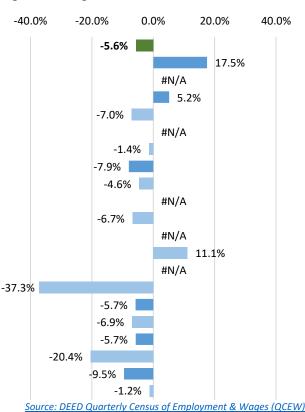


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Source: DEED QCEW program

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Table 15. Lac Qui Parle Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	2,094	100.0%	\$39,989
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	67	3.2%	\$38,321
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	122	5.8%	\$45,711
Manufacturing	137	6.5%	\$46,395
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	209	10.0%	\$44,789
Retail Trade	209	10.0%	\$27,503
Transportation & Warehousing	104	5.0%	\$43,204
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	97	4.6%	\$67,140
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	10	0.5%	\$17,789
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	32	1.5%	\$25,690
Educational Services	312	14.9%	\$40,930
Health Care & Social Assistance	445	21.3%	\$42,624
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	17	0.8%	\$6,041
Accommodation & Food Services	74	3.5%	\$5,526
Other Services	57	2.7%	\$17,243
Public Administration	166	7.9%	\$36,571

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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